there is no proposal to set up Food Plazas at Vishakhapatnam Railway Station.

Security on rail tracks

4691. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the rail tracks are encroached by people and animals due to lack of security; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase security on rail tracks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Rail tracks have not been encroached, but Railway land near the railway tracks being in the shape of long and narrow strips, are vulnerable to encroachments and trespasses by people as well as animals at many places. Railways are, however, vigilant in this regard. While instructions already exist for removal of encroachments and prevent trespasses on railway land as per the extant procedure, strict instructions have been given to the Zonal Railways to ensure that no fresh encroachments take place and trespasses are prevented.

Encroachment upon railway land

4692. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large areas of railway land have been encroached at different places;

(b) whether all such lands have been identified;

(c) if so, action taken to get back these lands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?